

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Science and Technology Advisory Panel

STAP 0015-87  
20 August 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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FROM: Richard Fravel  
Executive Secretary, DCI's Science and Technology  
Advisory Panel (STAP)

SUBJECT: STAP Meeting (30 September-1 October 1987)

1. Action Requested. That you meet with your Science and Technology  
Advisory Panel (STAP) on 1 October 1987 from 1400-1500

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2. Background. STAP is a small group of senior scientists and executives  
from industry and academia who serve you as a source of independent advice on  
intelligence issues related to science and technology (S&T). The Panel, which  
was formed in 1976, meets three times a year in full session and throughout  
the year in small working groups. The full sessions have routinely included a  
one-hour consultation with the DCI, which mainly consists of reports from the  
Panel on its activities, and advice and comment from the members on selected  
S&T issues of current significance.

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3. In the last two years, the Panel has prepared reports on the following  
topics:

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The Panel has also commented on drafts of selected National Intelligence  
Estimates and provided advice to senior intelligence managers. Administrative  
support for STAP is provided by the Intelligence Community Staff. Substantive  
support is provided by Dr. Julian Nall, the National Intelligence Officer for  
Science and Technology, who will forward you an agenda and appropriate

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background material in advance of the meeting. Attached to this memorandum are a list of current members and a Panel resume that describes its functions in more detail.

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4. Recommendation. That you meet with STAP on the requested date.

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Attachments:

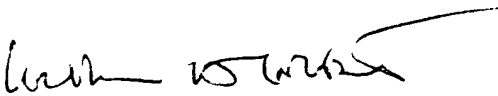
A. List of STAP members

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B. Panel Resume

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### *Science and Technology Advisory Panel*

#### STAP RESUME

The Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) was formed by the Director of Central Intelligence in 1976. It serves the DCI as a source of independent advice and expertise on a variety of scientific, technical, and management issues. The membership includes renowned senior scientists, executives, and other leaders from industry and academe.

The STAP meets triannually in plenary session where, inter alia, formal briefings are presented, reports approved, and direct consultation with the DCI is effected. At other times small working groups or sub-panels are formed to respond to DCI tasking, address specific issues, and provide STAP participation in technical studies or other ongoing projects.

The STAP also responds to requests for assistance from any Deputy Director or senior line manager who believes a STAP member's expertise may contribute to resolving a difficult technical intelligence problem. STAP assistance may be in the form of an informal discussion, a written memorandum, or a formal study or report signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the DCI.

Principal functions of the STAP include:

- To insure the DCI and senior Intelligence Community managers are forewarned of significant advances in state-of-the-art technology and in new applications of existing technology.
- To identify and highlight the implications of current and future S&T developments for intelligence activity.
- To provide linkages and interactions between the Intelligence Community and the scientific and technical communities in industry, academe, and government, as appropriate.
- To provide a quality control mechanism; an outside source for objective evaluation of current and planned S&T-related intelligence activity.
- To review evidence on existing S&T intelligence "enigmas" and to introduce new thinking and suggest avenues for solving these unknowns.